

being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,410,214 to Geschwender in view of the Zavaglia '894 reference.

Claim 1 is herein amended to incorporate the limitations of prior claims 2 and 6, and claims 2 and 6 are canceled. Consequently, claim 1 reflects the entire combination of the frame portions with slide-on fabric cover, chamfered metal ends, and zinc-plating, all to ease insertion and prevent tearing of the fabric. It has been found that the Zinc skin is an excellent fabric lubricant for the cover. Thus, the Zinc plating eases assembly of the frame components as well as installation of the cover. The chamfered metal ends helps in the same regard. While it may have been obvious in other contexts to use Zinc plating because of its rust-free properties, there was no motivation to incorporate Zinc-plating in the present context inasmuch as such frames are typically formed of aluminum which is already rust-free. In the present context, the Zinc lubricates around the joints to prevent tearing of the fabric.

As stated previously, the chamfered ends also ease assembly of the frame and prevent fabric from catching rough edges.

The three-way combination of removable cover, zinc plating and chamfered ends makes a superior product. One skilled in this particular art would not have known as much from the cited combination of references, and indeed it took the present inventor years of testing and experimentation to perfect the present design. The combination is not taught or suggested in either the Zavaglia '894 or the '214 Geschwender patents, and claim 1 is now patentably distinguished.

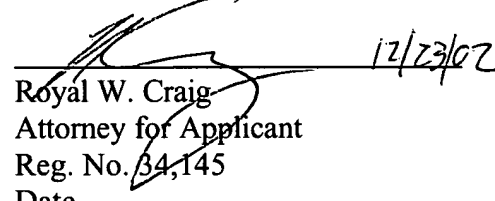
The proposed amendment was not earlier presented because it was prompted in large part by Applicant's interview with the Examiner on 9 December 2002.

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In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, and such a Notice is respectfully requested.

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APPENDIX B: REDLINED CLAIMS

Claims 2 and 6 are herein canceled.

Redlined version of claim 1:

1.(Once amended) An articulating chair, comprising:
a knockdown frame including a pair of separate generally U-shaped frame portions, one constituting a seat frame portion and the other constituting a backrest frame portion, each of said U-shaped frame portions having two chamfered ends, and a pair of generally L-shaped connectors adapted for a telescopic fit [with] over the chamfered ends of said frame portions to form a rigid generally L-shaped frame; and all of said U-shaped frame portions and L-shaped connectors being Zinc plated for ease of assembly;

a removable cover formed to fit over the frame and to hold said [component parts] knockdown frame in assembly, said cover including a top panel section sewn against a bottom panel section, a side panel section sewn there between, and a cushion enclosed there between, said cover being insertable over said frame and swingable relative to the frame;

whereby said chair may be assembled and positioned on a surface in one of a first position in which the seat portion of the frame rests flat with the backrest portion extending upward to provide a backrest, said cushion extending forwardly from the frame to provide a seat, and a second position said chair being adapted to be overturned from said first position to a second position in which the seat portion of the frame extends upwardly and the backrest portion slopes downwardly with the cushion resting thereon to present a reclining surface.